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ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to refer to the letter of 31 May 1995 (S/1995/440) in which the President of the Security Council stated, inter alia, that the members welcomed the recent increase in staff to support the sanctions committees and looked forward to a report in due course on whether that increase had reduced the backlog in processing applications submitted to those committees.

Further to information already provided to the Council on progress achieved, I am pleased to report that the backlog has now been eliminated. In addition to a redeployment of staff, I have initiated a process of streamlining the working practices of the secretariat of the sanctions committees. Efforts are under way to ensure that humanitarian applications are processed at an even faster pace, thus allowing for supplies to reach needy civilian populations without delay.

Notwithstanding the current financial crisis facing the Organization, I will keep the situation under review so that the Secretariat's ability to respond to the needs of Member States in this area may be further enhanced.

I should be grateful if you would bring this information to the attention of the members of the Council.

(Signed) Boutros BOUTROS-GHALI

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